## **ERC Negotiating**

STRATEGIC NEGOTIATING SKILLS

Negotiate win win agreements and build positive relationships

Objective

Equip professionals with a negotiating strategy to appreciate their customer's position and represent their own company's interests.

**Designed for** 

Sales professionals and managers who negotiate on a regular basis.

**Benefits** 

Through practical exercises focused on your work experience, you will learn about:

- Organizing thoughts and company needs before the negotiation
- Setting a positive tone from the start
- Actively listening to the client's position
- Uncovering what's behind that position
- Moving towards an agreement
- Using new counteroffer techniques
- Establishing a walkaway position
- Creating options
- · Ending on a positive note



## Agenda

- 1. **Initial Assessment:** Every participant begins by role-playing a negotiation. Instructor, peers and the participant contribute to an understanding of each participant's skills.
- 2. **Prepare your Position:** Define your strategy before the negotiation begins.
- 3. **Open the Dialogue:** Begin the conversation in a way that encourages customers to help you understand their issues.
- 4. **Listen Actively:** Show the customer that you understand their position, while updating and clarifying your information.
- Probe for Rationale: Explore your customer's position to build steps towards an agreement.
- Solicit / Make the first Offer: Set a constructive tone for the initial offer/ counter-offer.
- 7. **Create Options:** Expand the list of issues that factor into a negotiation and increase your opportunities for an agreement.
- 8. **Prepare Counteroffers:** Use your options to build better *win-win* counteroffers.
- 9. **Decline and Explain:** Participants will learn to confidently present the reasons for their position, before presenting a counteroffer.
- 10. Communicating Counteroffers: A skill to deliver the variables of a negotiation powerfully and compellingly.
- 11. Confirm Agreements: You conclude the negotiation with a mutual understanding of the terms reached in the agreement.

